

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

July 21, 2023

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo,

As Members of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, it has come to our attention that some imported gun safes are unintentionally being subjected to trade duties of almost 350 percent. These tariffs run counter to the Administration's strong support for gun violence prevention efforts including the safe storage of firearms, and statements by both the Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission (ITC) that the gun safes would be excluded from countervailing duties.

Gun safes are a critically important tool for Americans to keep guns out of the reach of children and other unauthorized users and it has been proven that safe storage of weapons decreases the likelihood of suicide, homicide and accidental injury or death. The decision to exclude gun safes from the Metal Lockers from China Countervailing Duties case was the right decision to ensure that high quality gun safes should be available at reasonable prices to all American consumers. Unfortunately, the high cost of these duties puts access to this critical gun violence prevention tool at risk.

We are writing to ask for your urgent approval of the Changed Circumstances Review request submitted by Tractor Supply Company. As you know, gun safes were not the intended target by either Commerce or the ITC as part of the metal lockers investigations. In fact, U.S. metal lockers companies proposed an exclusion for gun safes that Commerce understood would cover gun safes generally and the ITC explicitly determined that gun safes were outside the scope of the proceedings.

Nonetheless, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has broadly enforced tariffs on imported gun safes. We understand Commerce is allowed at least 90 days for this review and we hope this can be completed as soon as is feasible.

We believe that subjecting gun safes to duties runs counter to this Administration's stated goal of eliminating gun violence throughout the United States. Thank you for your consideration and expedited review.

Sincerely,



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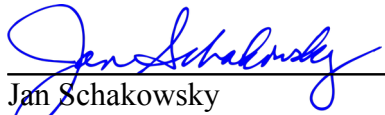
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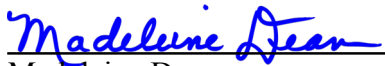
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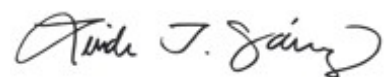
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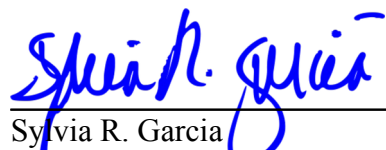
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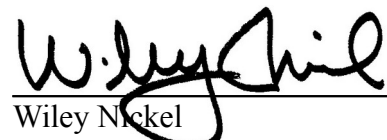
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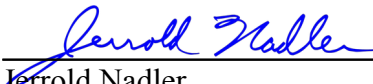
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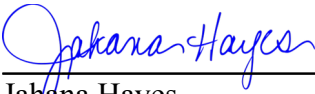
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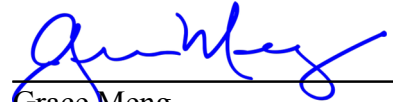
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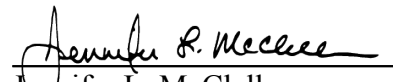
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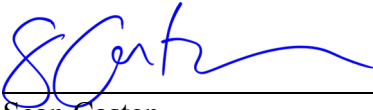
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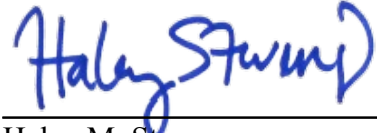
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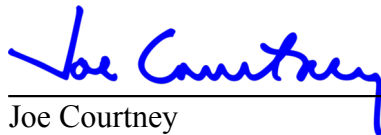
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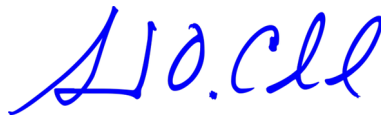
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